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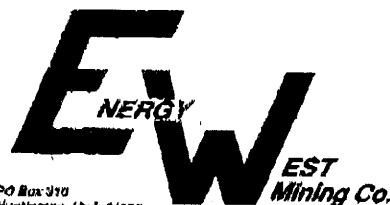
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November 24, 1999

Mr. Richard Manus
District Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Moab District, Price River Resource Area
125 South 600 West
Price, Utah 84501

Subject: **LEASE TERM AND CONDITION MODIFICATION REQUEST;
REMOVAL OF MACHINERY; FEDERAL LEASE U-06039;
ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY, DEER CREEK MINE.**

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Mr. Manus:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Interwest Mining Company ("Interwest") as managing agent and Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator hereby submits the following request to modify the current lease terms and conditions of Federal Lease U-06039 [specifically; removal of machinery], to allow for the abandonment of longwall face conveyor line pans in the 11th East and 10th East gate road entries at Energy West's Deer Creek Mine [See Enclosure #1].

Based on the evaluated lack of short term or long term effect of proposed abandonment to both present and/or future underground or surface resources, and with full consideration to the predicted absence of endangerment from proposed abandonment to any present and/or future underground or surface operations; Energy West Mining Company formally requests approval from the Authorized Officer [with concurrence from the surface managing agency(s) and regulatory authority(s)] to abandon approximately forty-six (46) 3-span sections of the existing HBI longwall face conveyor system in available entry cross-cuts of the 11th East and 10th East gate roads in the immediate area of the 11th East longwall extraction face [at cross-cut #6 / 11th East; Deer Creek Mine].

The 11th East longwall face, currently scheduled for extraction in early December/1999, is made up of hydraulic roof supports, face conveyor drives, face conveyor line pans, stage-loader, crusher, belt tailpiece and face electrics. All existing equipment, with the exception of the longwall conveyor line pans, is planned for full recovery prior to completion of operations and permanent abandonment of Federal Lease U-06039.

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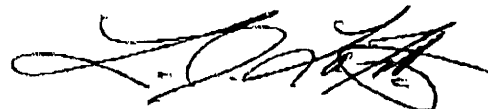
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The equipment recommended for abandonment consists of approximately 140 HBI 1000mm x 1500mm face conveyor line pans with face side and gob side accessories consisting of toe plates, clevises, cable trays, brettby tray, spill plates and dynatrac castings. All conveyor drive components, conveyor chain and flights, dynatrac chain, etc. is scheduled for full recovery. No hoses, cables, lubricants and/or oils of any kind are requested to be included in the abandoned equipment.

Energy West has made every reasonable effort to economically recover and salvage the referenced face conveyor line pans prior to final panel extraction. However, due to the equipment's worn condition and low market scrap prices for steel, it is currently not reasonable or economical to recover the referenced equipment.

Due to the urgency and required timely response to this matter, your immediate attention is requested. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Larry LaFrentz [Energy West] at (435) 687-4726.

Sincerely,



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Mine Planning Administrator
Interwest Mining Company

One (1) Enclosure;

Enclosure #1: DC 11TH EAST LW EXTRACTION; PROPOSED LINE
PAN ABANDONMENT AREAS; DATED 11/24/99.

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